

ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

The following information was supplied to the Toxics Cleanup Program by the agencies and programs described.

Pollution Liability Insurance Agency

Federal and state laws require owners and operators of petroleum underground storage tanks (USTs) to show they can pay for cleaning up contamination caused by releases or spills. The Pollution Liability Insurance Agency (PLIA) was created by the Washington State Legislature in 1989 and was extended until 2005 to help tank owners and operators meet these "financial responsibility" requirements.

To provide available and affordable pollution liability insurance, PLIA has entered into contracts with commercial insurance companies to act as the reinsurer of pollution liability insurance policies covering petroleum USTs located in the state. Insurance policies issued under the PLIA program satisfy all requirements of the Department of Ecology and the EPA.

PLIA has also developed a program under which the Agency reimburses a portion of the costs associated with initial testing (underwriting) to evaluate an UST site and determine the risk associated with insuring the site. The amount of reimbursement for tank tightness testing is based on the net worth of the applicant. If soil sampling is required, PLIA will reimburse 100% of the costs up to \$2,500.00 per site.

For information regarding pollution liability insurance or reimbursement for testing, call the Pollution Liability Insurance Agency at 1-800-822-3905.

Air Quality

In September 1991, the Department of Ecology adopted a rule (Chapter 173-491 WAC, Emission Standards and Controls for Sources Emitting Gasoline Vapors) which requires the recovery of gasoline vapors emitted during bulk transfer of gasoline and during vehicle refueling. When gasoline is being transferred in bulk, for instance from a terminal to a truck or from a truck, to an underground storage tank, the gasoline vapor recovery is called "Stage I." "Stage II" means gasoline vapor recovery during motor vehicle refueling. Many terminals, bulk plants, and gas stations in Washington, depending on their location and the amount of gasoline they handle, are required to install gasoline vapor recovery systems.

For more information on this program, contact your local Air Pollution Control Authority.

U.S. Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) provides loan assistance to small businesses in need of capital to comply with environmental requirements and/or otherwise prevent and reduce pollution through its Pollution Control Loan program. Under this program, the SBA can guarantee loans to affected small businesses, provided they meet the SBA's credit and collateral criteria.

For more information on this program, contact any Regional, State or local Small Business Administration office.